


**REMARKS**

With the above amendments, the specification has been amended to incorporate the Japanese priority application by reference, and the claims have been amended to delete multiple dependency. Consideration of the amendments, prior to examination on the merits, is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, it is believed that the application is in good condition for examination. Questions are welcomed by the below-signed attorney for applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

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